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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 11, 2003, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I, claims 1-31.

Should any outstanding issues remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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